



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Removal Action Workplan for Handcraft Tile Site



The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 45-day public comment period on the Draft Removal Action Workplan for Soil (RAW) for the Handcraft Tile (Site) located at 1696 South Main Street, Milpitas, California, Santa Clara County, California. Under supervision of the DTSC, the Draft RAW has been prepared to address soil impacted with lead on the eastern and southern portions of the Site and two unpaved areas in the manufacturing building. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. This document will be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. The NOE is DTSC's finding that the proposed cleanup would have no impact on the environment due to the small volume of soil, small area, and short duration cleanup.

The objective of the soil cleanup project is to reduce the human health risks associated with on-site lead contamination in soils to a level that is acceptable for the planned future residential land use. The RAW evaluates three cleanup alternatives and recommends soil excavation with off-site disposal at a permitted facility as the preferred alternative. The amount of soil that would be excavated is estimated to be 763 cubic yards.

DTSC encourages all interested parties to submit written comments on the Draft RAW and questions about this project. The 45-day public comment period begins December 3, 2004, and ends January 17, 2005. All written comments will be carefully considered in making a final decision. All those who comment will be notified of the decision and will receive a copy of DTSC's responses to comments. All written comments must be postmarked no later than January 17, 2005 and should be sent to Patrick Lee, DTSC Project Manager, at 700 Heinz Ave., Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710 no later than January 17, 2005. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to Mr. Lee at plee1@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 PM on January 17, 2005.

A copy of the Draft RAW, a fact sheet, and other site-related documents are available for viewing at the:

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Milpitas, California 95035
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